



PARKLAND EVENTS TASK FORCE

April 19, 2016, 4 pm – 6 pm

Fiesta Gardens Building

2100 Jesse Segovia Street, Austin, Texas 78702

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kannou Curette, District 1
Alykhan Mohamed, District 2
Gergo Perlaky, District 3
Debbie Stanley, District 4
David King, District 5
Patrick Brewer, District 7
Michael Joyce, District 8
Ingrid Weigand, District 9
Carol Lee, District 10

Bobby Garza, Open Space, Environment,
and Sustainability Committee
James Russell, Open Space, Environment,
and Sustainability Committee
Jeff Smith, Open Space, Environment, and
Sustainability Committee
Pam Thompson, Environmental Board
Rick Cofer, Parks and Recreation Board

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT

Colin Wallis, Mayor Adler
Stacy Farrugia, District 6
Buddy Quaid, Austin Music Commission

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER-Meeting called to order @ 4:11 pm

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Motion to approve minutes from April 5, 2016 meeting made by Ingrid Weigand and seconded by Jeff Smith motion passed with 11 members voting AYE 0 voting No and 2 abstained.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mark Seriff- Long Center- introduced himself to the task force in addition to letting the task force members know that he is more than willing to be a good neighbor.

Scott Johnson -presented information to the Task Force on Green Events which deals with sustainability at special events.

D. NEW BUSINESS: BRIEFING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 1) Task Force subcommittee organization, structure and appointments. **No New subcommittees appointed.**
- 2) Recommend policy changes regarding the Long Center for the Performing Arts, center scheduling, coordination and status of the Skyline Theatre performances. **Task force discussed item with the staff members from the Long Center who were in attendance. No action taken on item, to remain on the agenda for the following meeting.**

E. OLD BUSINESS: BRIEFING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 1) Policy changes regarding park rental fees, fee establishment, fee waivers, park maintenance costs and repairs. **Motion by Ingrid Weigand and seconded by Jeff Smith to bring forward the following recommendation to City Council, motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION OF THE PARKLAND EVENTS TASK FORCE REGARDING PRELIMINARY FINDINGS THAT IMPACT THE FY2017 CITY BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Parkland Events Task Force (PETF) provided an interim report of its progress, status, and remaining work to the City Council Open Space, Environment and Sustainability Committee on 24 February 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City is beginning work on preparing a budget for Fiscal Year 2017 and has other time-sensitive activities underway; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space, Environment and Sustainability Committee requested that the PETF provide input to the City Council about any interim recommendations that would require funds to be budgeted for Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the PETF includes identifying opportunities for new public and private venues to accommodate events; and

WHEREAS, the PETF also was directed to determine whether fees for park use are covering the cost of services provided for events and wear on the parkland, but the reporting of revenue and expenses within and among the City departments is lacking detail, accuracy, and completeness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PETF interim recommendations suggest the City Council direct the City Manager to:

- In the Request for Proposals for creating a new Master Plan for Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park, include in the scope of work for the Master Plan evaluation of using Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park as an alternative event venue for hosting large special events; and
- Include funds in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for studying the feasibility, requirements, and estimated costs for developing the existing publicly-owned land at Bolm Road and the Johnny Trevino Metropolitan Park as alternative event venues that can accommodate large special events in addition to providing new public park space for the growing Austin population; and
- In Fiscal Year 2017 conduct a thorough financial and operational fee study to determine whether fees charged for hosting special events in public places are appropriate for covering the cost of city-provided services and short-term and long-term maintenance of the public property and infrastructure used for the event.

F. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned @ 6:00pm

G. NEXT MEETING May 3, 2016 4-6PM @ Fiesta Gardens Building